

TAFT INSULTS THE PEOPLE

No recent antics of the tory journals in their defence of Taft's many follies have been more absurd than their repeated attempts to doctor up his speech on popular government, delivered at the banquet of the State Bar Association in New York City, January 20th. There have been two revisions, both of them utterly ineffectual even to cloud, far less hide, Taft's contemptuous statement that the people are unfit for self-government.

Here is what such Trust organs as the *New York Sun* and *Times* declare he said (and their statements agree with that of the Associated Press despatch taken stenographically at the time and wired all over the country) viz:

"If we are the handmaids of justice, if the profession carries us to the study of the fundamentals of government it falls upon us to defend the institutions of civil liberty in a free government when they are in danger. Popular government we all believe in. There are those of us who do not believe that all people are fitted for popular government. In fact they are not. Some of us don't dare say so, but I do."—*N. Y. Sun*.

Jan. 20th.
But not only do Taft's own papers agree that he thus asspersed the very people who put him in the office he uses so unworthily, but the context proves it past all question.

Taft was discussing those questions of popular government, that are on everybody's tongue, the Initiative, the Referendum and the Recall when he said, "There are those of us who do not believe that all people are fitted for popular government. The fact is we know they are not. Some of us do not dare say so, but I do." Is anybody silly enough to think Taft meant that the lawyers, politicians, etc., "dare not say" that the barbarous Philippines, or the savages in Darkest Africa, were "not fitted for self-government"?

The second revision of "all people" into "all peoples", might have raised a doubt but that Taft was speaking of uncivilized peoples confessedly unfit for self-government; but the other words, which all admit he also spoke, viz., that "some of us do not dare say so, but I do", forbids this quibble, and pillories Mr. Taft before the American people as insultingly questioning the very doctrine that has immortalized Lincoln, and which endears him to Americans forever—their fitness to govern themselves; "Why should there not be a patient confidence in the ultimate justice of the people? Is there any better or equal hope in the world?"

But if Mr. Taft in his revolutionary views is deprived of the support of the great Lincoln, he finds his vindication in these noble words of that great and good patriot statesman, Bales Penrose:

"If the 90,000,000 people of this country were to be called together, I do not believe they would be any better able to frame a constitution than would the inhabitants of the Philippine Islands."

MORGAN'S BIBLE

"Says the Bridgeport Post: 'J. Pierpont Morgan paid \$29,000 for one Bible that he has. Now the question is, does he read it?'

"Well, if he does read it, wonder whether he thinks he got his money's worth when he comes to: 'Woe unto ye, Pharisees, hypocrites'; or when he reads how Christ cast out the money-changers and traders in doves (lambs)?" *Delaware State News*.

Wonder if Mr. Morgan ever read these warning words of the Christ.

"Verily I say unto you that a rich man shall hardly enter into the Kingdom of Heaven. Again I say unto you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter into the Kingdom of God."

We suggest he open his \$29,000 Bible at Luke 16:19 to 31 and read of.

"A certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day; but who after death in hell lifted up his eyes being in torment.

Or meditate the words of Jesus me: 'Go to, now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries shall come upon you; your riches are corrupted' etc.

Or, read what Amos, 8:4 to 9, says about his ilk that "swallow up the needy—that buy the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of shoes etc."

Could this inordinately rich Wall street banker—who never got his \$500,000,000.00, or more of money honestly—be persuaded both to read and heed these and

many other like warnings written in his \$29,000.00 Bible, then the purchase would be worth while. But that same Bible tells of the "deceitfulness of riches" and how the Morgans, the Rockefellers, the Carnegies and the whole wretched crew, "trust in their riches;" so we fear Morgan's reading would avail him but little. For we fancy it will be pretty hard for a poor sinner with a bank account of \$500,000.00, to read his \$29,000.00 Bible with the proper spirit—that of the beggar Lazarus—the only one that will save him.

DeMar cartoons William the Fat appropriately "presiding" on that swift engine of progress—a steam roller—and about to iron out our Teddy's famous hat. After November 5th next, DeMar will draw as the companion picture, that same chapeau Napoleon big as a circus tent—nay, ample enough to house the captured millions of Democracy's misguided voters!

It will need something more powerful than coon dog doggerel to "hiss" Champ Clarke into the Big Chair!

[Communicated]

FIX OUR STREETS

Middletown, Del., Feb. 27th, 1912.
Editor of The Transcript.—I notice that the Commissioners of the town have called a "Town Meeting" to approve of the borrowing of a sum not exceeding twenty thousand dollars, to be applied to street improvement in this town. No one is more in favor of such improvement than I am. It does seem to me, that in proportion to our size, we should have a good street as do Smyrna and Dover, and have only two of our neighbors, and certainly no town on the peninsula needs more than we do. As a result of the patchwork and careless system of "fixing" streets that has prevailed for many years, more than forty to my personal knowledge, our streets are a disgrace. It was because of this fact that I earnestly favored the passage of the law by which the amount of road taxes paid by citizens and taxables in the town on town property reverts to the town. I thought that with the addition of practically \$2,000 to our revenues under an implied trust to be expended on the streets, there would be some definite action taken to secure better driveways, and when the commissioners had the law prepared to permit the bonding of the town, I felt sure we were about to get what we need. Had the law been properly drawn and had a majority of the taxpayers voted in favor of the bonds, the sum so received from the Road Tax would have provided the means of taking care of the bonds without an increase in taxation. I am told that the Commissioners have had a tentative bid or offer that Main and Broad Streets could have been macadamized from curb to curb within the built up portion of the town, say from the railroad to Catherine street on Main, and from South of Catherine to North of Lickwood on Broad, and with a sixteen foot road to the town limit in each of the four directions, for something like \$11,000. Before it would be necessary to pay out any considerable part of this money, at least \$2,000 of the road tax money would be available, and by the first of October, probably another \$1,000, would be in hand from the same source. Then it would be entirely practicable to pay the interest on the \$8,000, necessary to be borrowed, and pay at least \$1,000 per annum on the bonds, leaving a sum gradually increasing from \$600 to \$950 for 6 years for the care of the other streets. At the expiration of the eighth year, the whole sum of \$2,000 would be annually in hand for the care of the improved streets and for the improvement of other streets. To attempt to improve any or all of the streets in question piecemeal, by the expenditure of the \$2,000 each year would undoubtedly result in an expenditure of twice the estimated cost above referred to, in addition to which we would be in debt for ten years to the end of the job. Certainly, every taxpayer that considers the question seriously and who is conversant with the facts would vote in favor of the bonds.

The first "if", however, is very serious and to my mind impossible to overcome. In order to explain it, and to inform the citizens of the town, just what they are required to do, I copy the second section of the Act, being Chapter 220, volume 26, Laws of Delaware, approved April 13, 1911. The first section authorizes the Commissioners to borrow not exceeding \$20,000 on faith and credit of the town, and the second section is in the nature of a qualifying clause. It reads:—
Section 2.—Before the provisions of Section 1, of this Act shall go into effect, the borrowing of the said sum of twenty thousand dollars, or any part thereof, shall first be approved by a majority of the tax payers of the Town of Middletown, at a Town meeting to be called by "The Commissioners of the Town of Middletown," by public notice signed by their President and Secretary, and posted in six of the most public places in Middletown aforesaid, and inserted in the newspapers printed and published in said Town, at least two weeks next preceding the day of said meeting, setting forth the time, place and purpose of holding the same; at which said meeting every resident of Middletown aforesaid, male and female, who shall have paid town tax for the year in which such meeting is held, or for the preceding year, at a 1 have the right to cast one vote for every dollar or every fractional part of a dollar of town tax aforesaid, by him or her paid."

I do not know who drew the law, but the commissioners are responsible, for they authorized it. In the first place this law requires a majority of the tax-payers of the town to vote in favor of it. Then it goes on and limits the actual voting to the resident tax-payers of the town. It does not mean that a majority of all the voters cast but a majority of all the tax-payers. It further provides that each resident taxpayer, male and female, shall vote one vote for each dollar and fractional part of a dollar of tax paid, thus eliminating the corporation tax-payers from voting, yet requiring that they be counted as tax-

payes. There does not seem to my mind any doubt that, in order to secure a legal majority, there will have to be enough of the tax-payers vote in favor of it, regardless of amount of taxes paid, and also, a majority in amount of taxes paid. It is true that the act does not in words provide that it shall require a majority in amount of taxes paid, but it is reasonable to conclude that the Legislature had that in mind, and I do not believe that a possible purchaser of the bonds will accept them unless the intent of the Law is carried out. It looks very much as if the person drawing the act wanted to get something impossible to be carried into effect. At any rate that result has been almost if not quite reached. It might be possible to secure both a majority of the tax-payers and a majority of the taxes paid, but in order to do so, it will have to be made clear to the tax-payers just that is intended. That has not yet been done, and until the commissioners make it clear what improvements they contemplate making and how much they will cost, they cannot expect to get the majority required.

While I am on this question of streets, there is one other practical question that I want to call to the attention of the people of the town. I am informed that the commissioners have been so informed and have had their attention called to it time and time again. That is the condition of Lake Street, built as to street side walks from Cass Street to the Railroad. Sometime last year, in May, I am told, the commissioners brought an engineer to the town to give them a general idea of the condition of that street might be improved, and some of his grade stakes are still in evidence along the street as along Wood Street. Not a thing has been done since, except that the Railroad Company has recently made their part good and the town's part very much worse. I have been told that the commissioners gave notice in June to the property holders to repair these sidewalks. Well, it is March, and if you believe it is done, take a walk that way, any day.

CITIZEN.

SALES TO TAKE PLACE

Postponed Public Sale.—The Public Sale of P. S. Daniels was postponed on account of the weather and will now take place on Monday, March 4th.

Wednesday, March 6th, 1912.—Annual Public Sale of Horses and Mules, by W. A. Collins, in Smyrna. Usual free dinner to all. D. P. Hutchison auctioneer.

Tuesday, March 12th, 1912.—Public sale of stock, farming implements by C. C. Veil, in Dutch Neck, on the road leading to Delaware City. H. Buckton, auctioneer.

Wednesday, March 13, 1912.—Public Sale of Stock, farming implements, etc., of the late James A. Mullin, deceased, will sell at Public Sale, at his late residence, one-half mile west of Middletown.

Wednesday, March 20th, 1912.—Public Sale of stock, farming implements, etc., by Dan M. Cochran, Jr., near Armstrong's Corner. D. P. Hutchison, auctioneer.

ADMINISTRATORS' SALE

—OF—

Personal Property

The undersigned, administrators of the late James A. Mullin, deceased, will sell at Public Sale, at his late residence, one-half mile west of Middletown.

WEDNESDAY, MAR. 13, '12

At 10 o'clock, A. M., sharp, the following Personal Property, to-wit: SIXTEEN HEAD

Horses, Colts, Mules

No. 1.—Delbrook, black horse, 3 years old. A No. 1 driver.

No. 2.—Belle, bay mare, 6 years old. By Torino, with foal by Prince March. Fine driver and a promising brood mare.

No. 3.—Lightfoot, dark brown horse, by Torino, 8 years old. A good work horse.

No. 4.—Fancy, bay mare, 15 years old. A good work mare.

No. 5.—Ruth, gray mare, 15 years old. A mate for No. 4. A good work mare.

No. 6.—Fortio, bay mare, 7 years old, by Prince March, with foal by Cecil's horse.

No. 7.—Nancy, sorrel mare, 7 years old, by Torino, a fine brood mare and a good work mare, with foal by Cecil's horse.

No. 8.—Beris, bay mare, coming 3 years old, by Bohemia Boy. A very promising mare. Should make a fine driver.

No. 9.—Jack, grey horse, 8 years old, a good driver and a No. 1 work horse.

No. 10.—Mail, brown mare 13 years old, a good work mare and as good a brood mare as there is in the country. Has raised some very fine colts.

No. 11.—Tom, bay horse, 5 years old, by Torino, a good driver and a No. 1 work horse.

No. 12.—Baron, bay colt, coming 3 years old, by Baron Laramie. Should make a very fine driver.

No. 13.—Iron grey colt, 2 years old, Sired by Cecil's horse.

No. 14.—Iron grey colt, 1 year old, own brother to No. 13, should make a good team.

No. 15.—Jenny, odd mule, 8 years old, and a good one. Fine size.

No. 16.—Yearling colt, out of Belle, by Prince March. A great big colt for its age and a half brother to R. T. C.

Cattle

Twenty Head of F. No. Young Milch Cows and heifers. Some are springers. One Holstein Bull, coming 2 years old. Fine size.

HOGS

Seven Fins Brood Sows. Some of which will have pigs by day of sale. One thoroughbred L. C. Boar, 1 year old, fine one. Sixteen Head of Fine Shoats.

FARMING IMPLEMENTS

Three good farm wagons, 3 good hay rakes, 2 McCormick binders, in good order; 1 McCormick mowing machine, in good order; 1 U. S. corn planter, in good order; a Pennsylvania grain drill, in good order; 11 spots, 1 good roller, wood, 1 corn cutter, in good order; 1 good hay rake, 1 good disc harrow, 2 good axly cultivators, 3 No. 40 over plows, 1 one-horse plow, 2 good spring-tooth harrows, 1 good 70 tooth harrow, 1 good subsoiler, 1 1/2 ton carriage, almost new; 1 rubber tire buggy, 1 set of carriage harness, 1 set of debarbon harness, 3 sets of wagon harness, 2 sets of plow harness, 1 good springer, 13 good bristles, 1 good saddle, 1 grindstone, 4 hedge knives, 1 six-horse tree, 2 one-horse trees, 3 three-horse trees, 6 one-horse trees, 12 single trees, 1 half-shed measure, 3 1/2 ton shovels, lot of corn knives, 1 cross-cut saw, 1 ice hook, lot of spades, shovels and foris, 1 post spade, 2 grass scythes, 1 lawn mower, 1 drawing knife, 1 hay fork and rope, 1 set of barrels, cow chains, kitchen utensils and many other articles.

NEATS.—Sugar cured hams and shoulders, side meat and 4 cans lard.

All of our interest in 190 Acres of Wheat in ground.

TERMS OF SALE

On all sums of \$20.00 and under, the Cash will be required; on all sums over that amount a credit of Seven (7) Months will be given by purchaser giving a bankable note with approved endorsement, 1% interest added from day of sale. Positively no goods to be removed until terms are complied with.

JOHN MULLIN, JESSE L. SHEPHERD, Administrators

D. P. Hutchison, Auctioneer.

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Over 2,000 pairs of good Shoes and Rubbers for Men, Women and Children, to close out at much below cost. We are positively closing out the shoe business of our Department Store. Look over these prices then call and see our stock.

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Men's \$2.25 Work Shoes \$1.15 a pair.

Men's \$3.50 Dress Shoes \$1.75 a pair.

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Fine Shoes, were \$3.00, now \$1.98.

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Dongola and Box Calf, \$1.75, now 98c.

Children's Shoes

We have a fine stock in all sizes for Boys and Girls, both dress and school shoes, at less than fine-half regular prices.

NOTE—Quality considered, the above lot of Shoes are the greatest values ever sold here at the low prices asked.

Wall Paper
Spring time and house cleaning—
New Wall Paper here at prices to make it go fast. 16x20 Beautiful Picture given with each sale of Paper.

Picture Frames
Bring in your Pictures and have them framed; and see the pretty line of Pearl Paintings we have at such low prices.

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Middletown, Delaware

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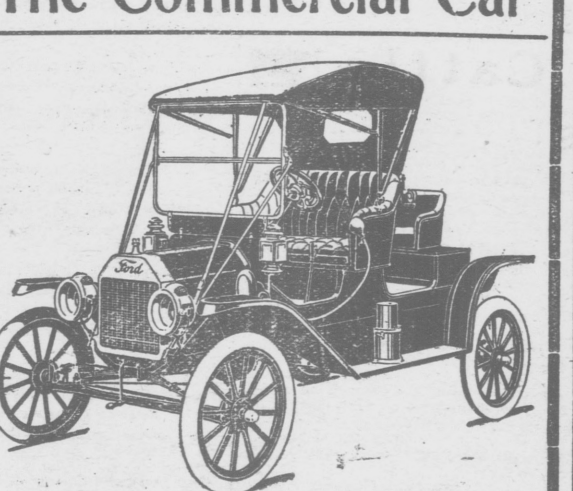
Strictly Fresh EGGS, - 23c and 26c

Farmers' Creamery BUTTER, - 36c

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NOTE.—I pay the highest CASH prices for all Country Produce, and sell Strictly for Cash; allowing my customers 2 per cent. discount. PHONE NO. 74.

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Ford Commercial Roadster \$590

Three passenger, 4 cylinder, 20 horse power, equipped with top, windshield, speedometer, two six-inch gas lamps, generator, 2 oil lamps, horn and tools, F. O. B. Detroit. The Rumble is removable, leaving a carrying space of 3 1-2 feet long and 2 1-2 feet wide. The other models, fully equipped:

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5.—Indiana Silos are sold on their merits, and the INDIANA SILO COMPANY stands back of all sales whether made direct or through agents.

I have secured the agency for the Indiana Silo Co., and would be glad to talk with any of our day-men interested in same.

J. C. Alston
Middletown, Del.

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I will stand at my home near Middletown, during the year of 1912 at

\$15.00 TO INSURE

I will keep at my stable at all times a man who will give you prompt service.

Before deciding come and see what he has produced for me.

J. C. ALSTON,
Middletown, Del.

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Of exceptionally good quality batiste—made in the new low bust and extra long hip effect—trimmed with a good lace top, with silk ribbon drawing string, and besides the 5 clasps has also a strong hook at the bottom—a thing found only in the higher priced cosets.

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This SPECIAL will assure any woman a fashionably correct foundation for all her gowns, and prove a most comfortable and satisfactory garment.

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Mails Close as Follows.
Going North—7:30 a. m., 10:00 a. m., 6:00 p. m., and 8 p. m.
Going South—8:00 a. m., 4:15 p. m., and 6 p. m.
For Newark, Cecilton and Barville 9:30 a. m. and 4:45 p. m.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., MARCH 2, 1912

LOCAL NEWS

Wagons and Dearborns for sale.
J. C. GREEN.
The best steak, roasts, lamb and veal, at W. C. Jones.
FRESH and SALT FISH at my store at all times.
W. C. JONES.
Wagons and Dearborns for sale.
J. C. GREEN.
Use "Crystaloid Dairy Feed". Analysis guaranteed at
Evans' Exchange Store.
Highest Cash Prices paid for all kinds of Hides.
HIDES WANTED.—The highest cash prices paid for horse and cow hides.
W. C. JONES.
FOR SALE—2000 chestnut wire fence posts. Apply to N. J. Williams, Middletown, Del.
Do not neglect your teeth. A little attention now may save you much pain and expense in the future.
Dr. J. ALLEN JOHNSON.
Middletown, Del.
HIGH GRADE LEHIGH COAL, all sizes ALWAYS in stock and ready to ship. Guaranteed free from dirt. Oak Wood to fit the stove.
JAMES L. SHEPHERD.
HORSES CLIPPED—I wish to inform the public that I am prepared to clip horses in an up-to-date manner on short notice.
J. Z. CROSSLAND.
Middletown Hotel Stables.
FOR SALE—Locust, Chestnut, White Oak and Cedar fence posts. Also shed, hitching and gate posts. Fire wood by the load.
M. MARSHALL.
Fiedelboro, Del.
After October 1st, the library hours will be—Tuesdays, 3:30 to 5; Fridays, 7 to 8:30; Saturdays 3 to 5. The library will be open on Tuesday evenings for school children exclusively.
FRESH MILK—I have made arrangements with Mr. John Heldmyer Jr., to handle my milk, where old customers or new ones can get same at all hours of the day.
J. C. ALSTON.
FOR RENT—The Dwelling House situated on Lockwood street, now occupied by Grover C. Crow, is now for rent, possession given March 25th, 1912.
ALFRED G. COX.
Sec. Mutual Loan Assoc.
All the grocery stores of town are now selling a fine quality of home-made meal, all ready for frying or other use, manufactured out of either white or yellow meal, by Miss Ada L. Lockwood.
Saturday, Solomon M. Rosenberg had a colored young man William Thomas arrested for taking a nap in his store and putting it under his coat. Squire Cox let him off without a fine upon his paying for the cap and coat.

Uncollected Letters—The following list of letters remains uncollected in the post office for the week ending Feb. 15th: Mrs. Bessie B. Valey, Miss Louie Brown, Eliza Dale, C. H. Blinfield, Mr. and Mrs. M. Davis, Mr. Eddie Jenkins, Frank Leach, James Parries, Sam Phillips and William White.

March 13—Administrators Sale, Mullin. Horses and cows young, all good size and well bred. Come look them over, buy this stock late and save feed and money.

Special Services in Forest Church
The Special Services of Forest Church will continue next week.
The appointments are as follows: Monday evening, March 4th, the Rev. Winthrop B. Green, of Philadelphia, Tuesday, the Rev. Alexander Allison, Jr., of Wilmington; Wednesday, the Rev. W. C. Alexander, D. D., formerly Pastor of Forest Church; Thursday, Rev. Charles L. Cande, of Wilmington; Friday, the Rev. Joseph Brown Turner of Dover. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered on Sunday morning, March 10th. All are cordially invited to these services.

Old Drawers' Reunion
Prof. John Bassett Moore of Columbia College, N. Y., will be secured by the "Friends of Old Drawers" to make the address in the afternoon, at the annual reunion of Old Drawers, which will be held on the first Sunday in June, as usual. Prof. Moore is professor in the law department at Columbia College. He is a Delawarean and a nephew of Mr. Colen Ferguson of near Blackbird. He studied law with Bradford and Vandegrift, in Wilmington and was assistant Secretary of State under President Cleveland.

Farmers Institute in Middletown
A Farmers Institute will be held in the Middletown Opera House Tuesday afternoon and evening March 12th 1912. A full program will be published later. Be sure and look for it.
Farmers you and your wives be sure and avail yourselves of this opportunity; subjects pertaining especially to this local ity will be discussed by specialists along these lines.

A Social Reception
Miss Naomi Keith in honor of her guest Miss Ruth Gardner, of Centerville Md., gave a reception to a number of her young friends on Monday evening. A pleasant time was had with music, games and social chat. Refreshments were served, ice cream and cake. These ladies were present: Misses Edith Francis, Pearl Gardner, Marion Vinyard, Ruth Gardner, Jennie Gallagher and Edna Brynes, and Messrs. Ray Dickson, John Dickson, Philip Vinyard, William Gallagher and Herbert Pye.

Outbuildings Blown Down
During the heavy wind storm Monday evening the large hay house, wagon shed, hay house, fences, etc. on the Benjamin Green farm, near Warwick, and tenanted by Mr. Frank Pad'y, were blown down and a number of his farm implements were demolished, causing a loss of several hundred dollars to the tenant.

ALMOST A TRAGEDY

This dangerous railroad crossing on Main street, Middletown, was once more almost the scene of a fatal accident on Thursday afternoon of last week. About midnight on the previous evening the Eastern railroad safety gate was blown down, and utterly demolished during the strong gale of wind that swept over this section at that time. This left the Eastern approach to the railroad without any warning gate, Mr. Richard Lockwood, a farmer living near Georgetown, Md., was returning from his uncle's funeral, driving a pair of horses and not observing the usual gate but mistaking the watchman's waving of his white flag for an invitation to come on, started to drive over the track just as the 4:45 north bound passenger train was approaching.
The engineer seeing the man's imminent peril set the emergency brakes, lessened the train's speed and brought it to a prompt standstill. Mr. Lockwood realizing his danger quickly veering his horses to the right, drove them onto the concrete platform and escaped as by a miracle without any damage to horses or carriage. His escape was just the fraction of a second gained for him by the engineer's quick lessening of the train's headway, for as it was, his horses' noses were struck by the engine in passing.
This makes the fourth bloody casualty that has been averted by but a hair's breadth at this point within the last six or eight months and most conclusively demonstrates the absolute necessity for gates there. The railroad company never less insists that gates are needless!

NEW MANUFACTORY IN TOWN

Wake up ye slumberous Board of Trade! A manufactory has actually come to town, or rather, arisen from within it. And what knocks our masculine knuckles all the harder, while we've been discussing these ten months ago, "how shall we do it," a little woman has gone and done it, and figuratively speaking, we, of the Board of Trade "are in the soup" no—"in the muck"—for that is the new industry that has just started up in our midst.
One of our enterprising ladies, Miss Ada L. Lockwood, is manufacturing a prime article of food, a delectable confection, if you please—home-made ice cream, needing only the frying pan or the cream bowl to make any epicure's mouth water. Fact, for we've tried it out.
The famous Jack Burden condensed milk industry had just such another quiet beginning in a little Connecticut town; or to choose an illustration nearer home, the big Richardson Canning industry that now feeds all the dwellers within the four seas—"say, the wide world over, had its humble start on a kitchen stove in a Dover poor man's home.
Maybe Miss Lockwood will some day build a "Lockwood House" in Middletown—if so, we may come and "board out" this write up. Hey? No—mush. See her local in THE TRANSCRIPT.

OUR LOAN ASSOCIATION

The Mutual Loan Association of this town is now closing up the thirty-ninth year of its existence, and the last year has been one of the most prosperous in its history. This association has been a great blessing to many in the last thirty-nine years, offering a safe place for the investment of small earnings, and enabling stockholders to buy or build for themselves comfortably home. It would have been well if some who invested their funds in foreign Associations, had patronized the home institution, as thousands of dollars have been lost in the hope of realizing large dividends, which never materialized, nor did the principal invested. The lesson has been a bitter one to many and should be a warning to others who are seeking for a safe place in which to invest their hard earned money. This Association has paid an average of over seven per cent. The Saving Banks pay an interest of only four per cent on deposits, while the Postal Saving Banks pay but two per cent. Persons holding stock in this Association can make stock loans for the value of the stock, and return the same at their convenience. The books are now open for the sale of the fortieth series of stock, and subscriptions will be received at any time by applying to the Secretary, Alfred G. Cox, who will be pleased to furnish any desired information.

A Birthday Surprise

On the occasion of the anniversary of her 82d year on Monday, Mrs. Angelina Scott, was honored with a reception by her six children, her five grandchildren and her three great-grandchildren. Many warm congratulations were spoken upon the remarkable manner in which she had been blessed with the possession at so advanced an age of all of her faculties—for she can see, hear, walk, etc., about as well as anyone far younger.
All passed an agreeable time in social converse etc. and a number of handsome gifts were given her, among other things a purse of money, and flowers in profusion. A wished she might be given for many years yet the like blessedness of health and strength. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Maloney, Mr. and Mrs. William A. Scott, and Anna E. Maloney, of Townsend; Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Massey, Mr. and Mrs. Capt. W. E. Lee, Mr. and Mrs. L. Clarence Scott, and Mrs. Margaret Smith, Miss Maud Smith and Miss Ada Scott, of Middletown; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas P. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Scott, C. Lodge and Edson C. Lodge Jr., of Lewes; S. Tingling Scott and Albert Massey, Jr., of Wilmington.

Ice Cream in Mid-Winter

Middletown Farms, believe in the accumulative effects of good advertising, for that reason they continue to advertise their ice cream through the winter months the same as in the "good old summer time". The Farms have developed a splendid trade in ice cream through out the Peninsula, and it is always on the increase, even in mid-winter. They furnish ice cream in most any desired quantity, for private use as well as banquets, dances, luncheons, etc.

Bond Election Put Off

It having been discovered that the two weeks' notice required by the Special act permitting the taxpayers of Middletown to bond themselves for road and street purposes, has not been given, the election called for Monday next is postponed until March 16, and a new notice will be given of two weeks as called for in the act.

OUR FRIENDS AND VISITORS

Personal Items About People You See and Know

Miss Hester Jones was in Philadelphia this week.
Miss Laura Donohue was a Wilmington visitor Thursday.
Mrs. Joshua Crossland spent Wednesday in Wilmington.
John J. Hoffacker Jr., spent last Saturday in Philadelphia.
Mrs. Norman Crouch, of Wilmington, is visiting relatives here.
Mrs. Ida R. McKee, of Baltimore, was in town one day last week.
Thomas Scott, of Lewis, visited his mother Mrs. William Scott.
Miss Mary O'Day, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with Mrs. David I. Allen.
Mr. Frank Brown a well known citizen is confined to his home by sickness.
Mr. and Mrs. James E. Woodall spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. George Peverley.
Mr. Sidney Peverley, of St. Mary's County, spent a few days with his parents here.
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Darling spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Mariah Jones.
Miss Alice Case, of Philadelphia is spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Burris.
Miss Annie Ellison, of Summit Bridge, was entertained by the Misses Rothwell part of this week.
Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Ford have as a visitor Mrs. Ford's sister Mrs. Staveley, of Chestertown, Md.
Miss Mollie Caldwell, of Port Deposit, Md., spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Vaughan S. Collins.
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dempsey, of Newport, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. George Echenbarger.
Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Study, of Germantown, Pa., spent last Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Cox.
Mrs. Gideon E. Hukill has been spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. J. K. Williams near Odessa.
Mr. and Mrs. John D. Gill were Sunday visitors with relatives and friends in Wilmington and Philadelphia.
Mrs. Martin B. Burris spent Wednesday in Wilmington the guest of her sister, Mrs. Joshua M. Arthur.
Mrs. Thomas Jones, of Germantown, Pa., and Mrs. Ada Tucker, of Dover, are the guests of Mrs. J. H. Saydam.
L. G. Sterner, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with his wife at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Parker.
Mrs. Morris B. Burston, of Greensboro, Pa., is spending some time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wilson.
Mr. and Mrs. John P. Hudson, of Smyrna, spent several days of this week with their daughter, Mrs. H. D. Howell.
Mr. and Mrs. Carl Harrington and son, of Philadelphia, are spending sometime with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Julian Cochran.
Miss Bernice D. Metten, Murry and Elizabeth, of Wilmington, were Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Metten.
Mrs. John C. Green, who was taken to the Horace Hospital in Philadelphia on Tuesday and was operated on that evening, we are glad to be able to state, is getting along nicely, and THE TRANSCRIPT joins the large circle of friends in wishing her a speedy recovery.
Rev. Vaughan S. Collins of Bethesda M. E. Church gave a most interesting talk on the "Little Things in Life," before the members of the N. W. Century Club on Tuesday afternoon. Dr. Collins is a favorite with the members of the Club and his talks are looked forward to each year.

MUSIC AND READINGS

Miss Ota Bidwell, one of Chicago's most noted and versatile entertainers, will be the attraction at the Middletown Opera House on Tuesday evening, March 5th. Miss Bidwell comes to our town under the auspices of the Methodist Brotherhood and the proceeds derived from the entertainment will be for the Brotherhood Church Improvement Fund. The following interesting program will be rendered:
Vocal Solo—"O, Dry Those Tears"..... Teresa Del Rio.
Reading—"The Night Wind"..... Eugene Field.
Violin Solo—"Intermezzo from Cavalleria Rusticana"..... Mascagni.
Reading—(a) "Sandy's Romance"..... (b) "The Vocabulary".....
Song—"Barbara Frischette"..... Solomon.
Reading—"The Fiddle Tale".....
Vocal Solo, (With violin obligato)—"Once in a While"..... Louisian.
Recitation—"I Can Be Her"..... Ben King.
(b) "The Bells"..... Edgar A. Poe.
Sacred Solo—"Fear Not Ye, O Israel"..... Dudley Buck.
Violin Solo—"Chanson Polonoise"..... Wieniawski.
Vocal Solo—"Japanese Love Song"..... Clayton Thomas.
The performance will begin at 8 P. M. and the admission will be adults 25 cents children 15 cents.

Special

Special Sale of Columbia Rubbers, all fresh new goods, no old stock.
Men's Heavy Gum Boots, wool lined, \$2.50.
Boys' Gum Boots, 3 to 6, \$1.50.
Boys' Gum Boots, 1 to 2, \$1.25.
Women's Gum Boots \$1.50.
Girls' Gum Boots \$1.00.
Men's Black Arties, heavy wool lined \$2.
Men's Storm Rubbers, 50c.
Women's Storm Rubbers, Cobin high heel and medium low heels, 30c.
Girls' Rubbers, 30c.
Tongsten Lamps, 40 and 50 Watt Lamps, Tongsten Elec. Lamps, 40 and 25 Watt Lamps, now 50c.
J. B. MASSECK

Serenade For Newlyweds

Mr. and Mrs. Gilpin Massey, of No. 404 King street who were married recently were given a serenade Tuesday evening by the members of the Delaware Setter and Pointer Club of which Mr. Massey is a member. The serenaders had a supply of fire works and after a display with plenty of noise interspersed, the visitors were admitted into the house and greetings as well as handsome presents were exchanged. Dinner was served at 10:30.
Mr. and Mrs. Massey were assisted in receiving by Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Beck.

Entertained Their Friends

Mr. and Mrs. Husefelt delightfully entertained their many friends at their home near Mt. Pleasant on Wednesday evening to a large poultry supper. Those present were: Miss Edith McDougall, of Townsend; Mrs. William Arrants and son, of near Chesapeake City, Mr. and Mrs. William Backworth, Mr. and Mrs. James Sartin, Mr. and Mrs. Noble Biddle, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wilson, and daughter, Miss Bertha Jarrell, Bertha Sartin, and Ethel Jarrell, Messrs. Gilbert Jarrell, William Sartin, Arthur Evans, Harvey Sartin, all of Mt. Pleasant.

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JOHN L. BYRON AND CHILDREN

DEATH OF MRS. J. L. BYRON

After long months of keener suffering endured with a sweet Christian fortitude, Mrs. Anna E. Byron, wife of Mr. John L. Byron, died at her home on North Broad Street at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon aged but 44 years.
Mrs. Byron had been a devoted member for many years of the Methodist Church in Middletown. She was a home loving affectionate wife and mother highly esteemed by all who knew her, and her early death amid so much pain, awoke sentiments of the deepest sympathy in the breasts of all.
Mrs. Byron leaves besides her husband, three children Mrs. John McGuire, Miss Edith Byron of Middletown and Mr. Charles Byron of Wilmington, her father Mr. Graynor, and a brother, of Chester-town-Md.
Her funeral services took place on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock and were under the conduct of Rev. Vaughan S. Collins.
The floral offerings bestowed in loving tribute to her memory, were many and beautiful. Washington Camp, No. 9 P. O. of S. A. presented a large wreath of white and pink roses, carnations and sweet peas, and Middletown Council No. 2 R. O. U. A. M. gave a handsome flower design, while the Gas Study Club of Wilmington, sent a lovely bouquet of Easter lilies, and others from her own family and friends were given.
The bearers were Messrs. R. B. Jones, E. F. Gallagher, Wallace Eliason, John Buehm, D. W. Stevens and Minors Banning. Interment was made in Forest Cemetery.

DEATH OF JOHN A. JOLLS

Thursday night at 10 o'clock, Mr. John A. Jolls died at his home on Cass street. He had been in declining health for several years, and in the past year had been quite unwell. For the past few weeks his condition had been critical, and his death had not been unexpected for some days.
Mr. Jolls was the second son of the late John W. and Susan Jolls, and was a prominent Republican, having held the office of postmaster of Middletown over six years at the time of his death, succeeding therein his father who had held that position for many years.
He was also a leading Mason, having been honored a few weeks ago with the past master's jewel by his home lodge, Union No. 5. He was a good citizen, highly respected by all, kind and obliging, administering his public office always with courtesy and skill.
Mr. Jolls was married about 12 years ago to Anna, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Richard Adams, and leaves besides his widow, one little daughter, Mary. His two brothers are Joseph C. Jolls, well known as the Register in Chancery for New Castle County, and Charles Jolls who lives at Wyoming, and is in the railway mail service; one sister also survives him, Mrs. T. V. Leonhart.
His funeral will be held on Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock from his late residence, and interment will be in Forest Cemetery.

BLACKBIRD

Prof. A. M. Mackey spent Sunday with friends here:
Mr. W. W. Catts, of Sharptown, N. J., is visiting friends here.
Epworth League will be held on Sunday evening by Mrs. William Fortner.
Mrs. William Fortner and Miss Ethel Taylor attended the Club Luncheon at Smyrna on Tuesday, Feb. 20th.
Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Watson, Jr., returned home Sunday after a two weeks visit with her parents Mr. Murray in Selville.
Mrs. William Fortner and Mrs. Theo. Ferguson entertained at luncheon on Thursday, Feb. 22d at the "Orchard," the home of Mrs. Ferguson. About fifteen were present and all spent a very enjoyable time. After luncheon, the afternoon was spent in games and music.

The Peach Crop

But few peach orchards are new left in our immediate neighborhood. Mr. M. N. Willis is tearing out an orchard this Spring.
Mr. Robert A. Cochran says a partial examination of his trees convinces him that from one half to three-fourths of the buds are dead—due he believes to the unusually low points—eight or ten below zero—recorded by the temperature in January—the cold Saturday and Sunday.
He found that of the surviving buds the greatest percentage is on the Elberta and Belle of Georgia varieties.
Near Blackbird Messrs. Charles Fineart and William Reynolds report three-fourth of all buds are killed—they think by the long continuance of the frost upon the trees.

Fogel & Burston

Mrs. Fogel has been for a full week in Philadelphia and New York, studying with care the great Spring openings of the biggest wholesale millinery stores and importers; also attending a number of French shops in New York, copying some of the finest high priced French hats which Fogel & Burston will reproduce for their Spring trade. So, as a result of her long study and pains we have bought a finer selection of Spring millinery than we have ever offered our patrons. We always make our Present surpass our Past, and in this case we surely have done so. Due notice will be given of our formal opening. See our ad in this paper.

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PORT PENN

Miss Helena Ostenson, of Townsend, was an over Sunday visitor at her home.
Horace J. Eaton spent a couple of days last week with friends at Bordentown, N. J.
John Pratt and Mrs. A. Moody, of Hartley, are visiting relatives here and near Delaware City.
Miss Elmyra Dawson was the guest of her parents Rev. Dawson and wife at Camden over Sunday.
A Bandler and wife entertained a few days of last week their grandson Henry Bandler of Wilmington.
Little Alvin Osborn who has been quite sick with scarlet fever at the home of his sister Mrs. Chris Bandler, of Delaware City, is at this writing in an improved condition.
Elwood Denny an able farmer of near town, has been very unfortunate with his stock by the loss of a cow and bull. Dr. Vail, of Delaware City pronounced it hydrophobia.
Mrs. Joe Roemer, of Mt. Pleasant, spent Sunday as the guest of her parents Frank Johnson and wife. Her sister Mrs. Ellis Hale returned home with her to spend several weeks.
Miss Lillian Hall has returned after a pleasant visit with Miss Cora Yearley to her home in Riverside, N. J. Frank Yearley accompanied her and is spending a few days at that place.
A committee meeting of the Christian Endeavor was held at the home of Miss Margaret McMullin on Wednesday evening. The Endeavor has been making great progress during the winter, and is well attended every Sunday evening.
The storm on Tuesday night did considerable damage in this vicinity by tearing down chimneys, sheds and outbuildings. Samuel Kershaw and Thompson suffered most heavily. The chimneys being completely torn down and other damages.

CHESAPEAKE CITY

Miss Katie Price, is spending several weeks at Bel Air, Md.
Miss Adelaide Clayton is spending several days with friends in Philadelphia.
Mr. Douglas Hanson, of Baltimore, spent the first of this week with relatives here.
Vaudeville shows were given in "Masonic Hall" this week by a traveling company.
Miss Mary Barwick, spent the past week with her friend Miss Elizabeth Scott, of Elkton.
A dance will be given in "Masonic Hall" by this year's dancing class on Saturday, March 2nd.
Miss Daisy S. Bouchelle is spending several weeks with her cousin, Mrs. Benjamin Hanson, in Baltimore.
Misses Ida K. Bouchelle and Ethel M. Ellison were entertained by Miss Ethel M. Gill, on Wednesday of this week.
The second district Gun Club will hold its regular monthly shoot at Troy Park on Saturday, March 2nd, at 1 o'clock.
Mr. E. E. Paxson and Miss Georgia Ellison, were entertained on Tuesday by Mrs. Lorien Towler, of near Glasgow.
Mr. George Vaughan accepted a position with the Ericson Steamboat Co. and left town on Saturday for Philadelphia.
The sale of Mrs. R. Harriott (whose farm borders the North-west section of our town) was very largely attended, her horses being a special feature, having long been known for their good qualities, as well as style.

TOWNSEND

Miss Mildred Ginn, of Greensboro, Md., visited her parents last Thursday.
Miss Pearl Boggs, of near Smyrna, spent a few days this week with Miss Mildred Wells.
Miss Lillian Hart, of Dover Academy, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hart over Sunday.
Master Wilson Lattinson spent Saturday and Sunday with Dr. and Mrs. E. W. Ryan, of Wilmington.
Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lee and son and Miss Ethel Lee were the guests of J. W. Morris and family, near Smyrna, on Sunday.
Mrs. George Atwell, of Stillpoint, Md., returned to her home on Wednesday, after spending some time with Mrs. Mollie Hart.
Mr. and Mrs. George Daniels, of near town, entertained on Sunday Mr. and Mrs. W. Naylor, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hart and Misses Mildred Wells and Edith Carpenter.
Miss Lillian West, who was called home about a week ago on account of her brother's illness, returned to West Chester on Saturday last, her brother being much better.
A drama entitled, "Do!"—The Miner's Daughter, is being rehearsed by members of the Townsend M. E. Sunday School. Proceeds will be applied to the piano fund. Notice of date will be given in the next issue.
At a meeting of the congregation of Emmanuel M. E. Church, Thursday evening, Mr. D. B. Maloney was elected delegate and Mr. Walter E. Hart, reserve to attend the Lay Conference which meets in Wilmington.

CURRENT PRICES

MIDDLETOWN GRAIN MARKET
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY S. B. POARD.
Wheat—No. 2, \$ 8.58 Corn—shelled 70
No. 1 Yellow, shelled 70
Timothy Seed 8.50
Clover Seed 15.00
MIDDLETOWN PRODUCE MARKET
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY W. T. CONNELLEY.
Eggs, per doz..... 25c30
Country Butter, per lb..... 30c35
Creamery Butter, per lb..... 40c45
Lard, per lb..... 10c14
Live Chickens, per lb..... 12c16
Potatoes..... 1.00

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The Movies' Next Week

Thursday next the wonderfully beautiful Paston Play will run—four reels will be shown, the finest thing yet given the public. Nobody should miss this rare sight Oberammergau's famous spectacle for 15 and 5 cents!

Matthew's Corner School

The following pupils deserve special commendation for the month ending Feb. 23d. Fourth grade, Anna Davis, third grade, Grant Ellingsworth.

ODESSA

Mr. Charles Workman, of Philadelphia, was a visitor in town.
Mr. Lon Coppage, of Wilmington, spent part of last week with his mother.
Sunday next will be observed as Missionary Day at St. Paul's M. E. Church.
Mr. Richard Rhodes, of Newark, was an over Sunday visitor with his parents here.
Mrs. William Evans, of Middletown, spent Saturday last with her sister Miss Mollie Rose.
Miss Ella Smith was the guest of her sister Mrs. William Hall in Middletown, Saturday last.
Miss Calvin Stidham, of Philadelphia, spent Saturday and Sunday last with his mother Mrs. K. Stidham.
Mr. Frank Tucker, of High Bridge, N. J., was the guest of his mother Mrs. W. R. Tucker part of last week.
Miss Ethel Mailey, Miss Mary Asplir and Miss Marian Milfin were the guests of friends in Wilmington part of last week.
Mrs. Joseph Gremminger, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Huhn, of Chester, Pa., spent part of last week with Mr. George Huhn and family.
Mr. and Mrs. J. Moebberger entertained Mr. and Mrs. George Douglas, of Middletown, also Mr. J. B. Bigneau, Sunday.
Mrs. Frederick Demerest, of Delanco, N. J., spent Wednesday with her mother Mrs. Sophia Gremminger, who has been quite ill.
All members of Washington Camp, No. 11, P. O. S. of A. are urgently requested to be present at the meeting on Wednesday evening next, March 6th, as there will be some very important business to be acted upon at the meeting.
On Sunday morning, Mar. 3 the annual Missionary sermon will be preached by the Rev. J. Howard Gray and on Sunday evening the missionary anniversary exercises. On Thursday, March 7 at 8 P. M. Dr. H. F. Smyth will give an illustrated lecture on his trip to Italy. All are invited to attend these services.
On Monday evening at the Quarterly Conference the following Stewards were elected for the year at St. Paul's M. E. Church: E. N. Moore, Dr. H. F. Smyth, Jos. A. Rhodes, Geo. L. Townsend, Jos. G. Brown, Geo. W. Davis, William H. Eccles, Robt. H. George, John Heldmyer, A. Henry Donovan, Edw. A. Reynolds, Walter E. Dulin, Jos. E. Shaw, Wilmer H. George, Julius G. Cleaver, W. T. Elliott, L. V. Asplir and John R. Carpenter.

CECILTON

Mrs. A. J. Watts was a Wilmington visitor last Thursday.
Mr. C. Rowan was an Elkton visitor on Friday of last week.
Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Smith spent Sunday with relatives of near Earleville.
Miss Martha Bailey was the guest of Miss Mary Blackway on Sunday.
Miss Henrietta has been visiting relatives and friends in Philadelphia.
Mr. and Mrs. G. Boyles, of near Galena spent Saturday with relatives here.
Dr. M. B. Black and Mr. J. T. Watts were Baltimore visitors on Tuesday.
Miss Simmons, of Port Penn, is the guest of Mrs. H. Bouchelle in town.
Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Smith, of Middletown, is visiting her aunt Mrs. James A. Smith.
Mr. John McIntyre, of Middletown, visited his sister Mrs. Emma Pierce on Sunday.
Rev. J. T. Kenney and daughter, of Philadelphia, are visiting Rev. and Mrs. W. Kenney.
Miss J. P. Dushane, of near town, was the guest of Mrs. Annie McCoy on Friday and Saturday.
Mr. and Mrs. H. Manlove and children were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Manlove on Sunday.
Zion M. E. Sunday School Bible class met at the home of Mrs. Charles Griffith last Thursday evening.
Mr. and Mrs. Allie Pierce and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. James Pierce of near Sassafras.
The missionary anniversary was held in Zion M. E. Church last Sunday evening and was well attended.
Services will be held in the Chapel every Wednesday and Friday at 3:30 o'clock P. M. during Lent. All are invited.

WARWICK

Judge R. B. Merritt spent Monday in Elkton.
Mr. L. P. King Sr., is visiting in Philadelphia.
Miss Edie Vinyard is spending some time in Hockessin.
Mr. Robt. Lipscomb was a Wilmington visitor Monday and Tuesday.
Mrs. H. Duryea and Miss Clara spent one day last week in Philadelphia.
Mrs. Kate Lynch visited Middletown friends from Friday until Monday.
Mr. William Williamson was a Philadelphia visitor Tuesday add Wednesday.
Miss Camper, of Philadelphia, is spending several days with Mrs. Wilson Merritt.
Quite a number from here attended the sale of Mrs. Harriott Chesapeake City on Tuesday.
Mr. Daniel Wilson, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with his mother Mrs. Josephine Wilson.
Preaching Sunday evening at 7:30 P. M. Christian Endeavor at 7 o'clock. All are cordially invited to attend the services.
Midshipman W. Rodney Pidge, of Annapolis, Md., is spending some time with his parents Mr. and Mrs. John R. Price, near town.

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BARGAINS IN HUSBANDS

BY MARY BARRET HOWARD

The little kitchen was redolent of freshly baked cake, and stout Mrs. Pickens, hurrying through the remnant of the week's ironing looked flushed and heated.

Soap club or no Soap club, I got to get Miss Ransom's thin's done, she muttered. She'll be after 'em today sure, for I suspicion she ain't got many changes I declare, she added, pitifully, as she surveyed the fine, lace-trimmed garment on the ironing board. It makes me feel bad to see how careful she's patched an' mended 'em. Ey'ry dud she's got is most falling to pieces, but I expect she ain't got the money to buy new ones. I ain't a mite surprised. I read one o' her stories once an' it was awful dull to my thinkin'. I wish to the land she was smart enough to write a reel good one like St. Elmo or Lena Rivers. She looks half starved. If I wasn't afraid she'd take it as an insult I'd ask her to stay to the meetin' of the Soap club. I'm going to have a good supper, if I do say it, an' I worked in one o' them cheap boarding houses once an' I know what they be. An' to think that her folks used to be as rich as mud! I met the old judge jest a little while before his death, steppin' out as if he owned the earth—well, this is a queer world! Goodness, gracious me—there's Miss Ransom now, ridin' in an automobile! It's stopped an' she's comin' in!

Hastily setting down her flat-iron, she ran to the door and admitted a slim, pale girl dressed in shabby mourning, ejaculating as she did so:

Well, if I ain't surprised to see you ridin' in an automobile! Miss Ransom! Come right in—your thin's is just ready, an' while I'm doing of 'em up, I want you to look at the new premiums I got since you was here last.

Glad to postpone, even for a few moments, the irrevocable step to which she had just pledged herself, Elinor Ransom followed her hostess into a room where a table was laid with a brave array of plated silver and a set of china decorated with flaming red poppies.

It's my day to entertain our Soap club, Mrs. Pickens explained. Ten of us ladies clubs to gether an' buys our soap o' Lally an' then we takes turns drawin' for the premiums. He gives elegant ones, jest elegant! I got all that silver and that chiny set an' that pieter frame for my share. Ain't that frame complete? Pickens thought I'd ought to put his pieter in instead o' Tim's, but Pickens is homely enough to scare the cat an' Tim was a reel good-lookin' fellow, don't you think so, Miss Ransom?

The large colored photograph in the flamboyant gilt frame was the portrait of a pleasant faced young workman, and in spite of the crude coloring, the sicked down hair, and the stiff attitude of one oppressed by his Sunday clothes, Elinor was able to respond cordially. Yes, indeed, I do, Mrs. Pickens.

But I dunno's I ought to find fault with Picken's looks when all is said an' done. I was awful lonesome after I lost my first, Mrs. Pickens said. An' it wasn't long before I found out that there's a mighty sight of difference between washin' for pleasure as one may say, jest to git yourself some extry thin's, an' in bendin' over a wash-tub day in an' day out trying to keep body an' soul together. So when I come across an advertisement, one day, telling about a place where you can buy a husband by paying down ten dollars cash in advance I made up my mind I'd try my luck.

Why, Mrs. Pickens, the idea! Elinor gasped. The very idea!

It did seem like buying a pig in a poke, Mrs. Pickens admitted but I knew 'twas resk ten dollars or earn my own livin' so far as I was concerned for Tir had been dead most a year an' theer hadn't hide or hair of a man come shy in, around.

I got Mis' Jones that lives next door to me, she continued, for I ain't one of those reckless kind, an' I'd read in the newspapers how women is sometimes toiled off an' murdered, But land, I needn't have been afraid for the man that runs the place—a marriage broker, he called himself—was as pleasant spoken a fellow as ever I see. He said he was certain he could suit me, but the man he brought out from the back room was as godforsaken a lookin' specimen as I ever set eyes on.

You needn't think I'm goin' to take up with such a poor excuse for a man as that, I says to him. My sakes, I says do you think I am looking for somebody else to support besides myself?

He's all I got on hand jest now ma'am, the broker says, kind of urgent an' persuasivelike. But there's more to this one than appears on the surface—you can't always judge by a cat's looks how far she can jump.

I can, I says pretty sharp. I can tell ev'ry time, an' that there feller would never in kingdom come earn his own salt, let alone mine.

At that I marched right out of the room an' down the stairs an' the broker follered us most a block sayin' he was real sorry it happened so, but if I'd come again in a week he'd have a larg er stock to select from.

First I was so mad at his tryin' to work off a damaged piece o' goods like that on me that I wouldn't go next nor nigh him, but ten dollars paid in advance a lot of money to throw away for nothin' and when Saturday came round I went back.

I had my pick of more than a dozen that time, but I didn't have no difficulty in makin' a choice for, if I do say it, I'm a pretty good judge of men.

Be careful, Miss Ransom, don't stop on that coat! Hobo don't let nobody but me touch it. Tim was a track walker, she explained in response to Elinor's inquiring look, an' he got killed pullin' Hobo out from under the wheels of an engine. You never see a dog take on the way that one did.

He was jest wild till I gave him that old brown coat o' Tim's to lay on.

Oh, the dear, faithful little fellow! the girl cried. Oh, Mrs. Pickens, when I see how loyal, how true to their best instincts a dumb brute can be it makes me ashamed of myself and my kind!

Mrs. Pickens looked puzzled. Well, I dunno, she said slowly. It seems as if it would show more sense if Hobo'd stay with some o' them fellers that treat him so well instead of comin' back here to be licked round by Pickens when he gets drunk, jest for the sake of lyin' on that old coat.

Why, Mrs. Pickens, you don't mean to tell me that Mr. Pickens gets—er—that he drinks! exclaimed Elinor. Then you can't be such a good judge of men after all.

I don't know why not, Mrs. Pickens retorted. Pickens is a money-maker an' that's what I was lookin' for. Them politicians says he's the man for their money that he can deliver the goods. Pickens may git drunk once in a while, an' he may not be what you'd call honest, but for my part I call Pickens a good bargain.

But your first husband must have been so different. Elinor faltered glancing at the portrait above her head. He looks so kind and—and honest.

He was, Mrs. Pickens, a wistful shadow creeping over her complacent red face. Pickens makes a sight most money, for Tim was't practical—you'd know that by his losin' his own life tryin' to save a dog's.

There was a determined tilt to Elinor Ransom's softly rounded chin as she went down the steps of the tenement house a moment later. A man twice her age with tell-tale lines above his mouth and pouches under his watery gray eyes, hurriedly advanced to meet her, tossing away as he did so on oily, black cigar.

Here you are at last, he said. What the devil are you carryin' that bundle for? I told you to pay the woman what you owed her and say good bye to her since you insisted upon it, but your things aren't worth botherin' with. You've been down on your luck so long that your clothes are about all in. But we'll fix all that little girl, he added graciously, his frown relaxing into a jovial manner that was even more unpleasant than his anger. There'll be plenty of time, after we have been to the department stores and fit you out to be a credit to me before our train leaves.

I'm not going with you, Mr. Archer—I can't marry, you the girl said.

I suppose you want a little more coaxing, he said sullenly, but my girl, you've kept me danglin' after you long enough! he exploded, laying a heavy hand on her arm. Come with me now, Elinor, and for the rest of your life you will get the fine clothes, and the jewels and the petting

that every pretty woman wants, but I'll never give you another chance to make a fool of me—once for all, is it yes or no?

It is no!—no!—no! Elinor cried, pulling away from the touch of his hands.

He turned away and left her with a muttered curse, but Elinor Ransom, trudging along the hot pavements inhaling the dust and odor left in the trail of the big car, felt curiously light hearted.

Turning the corner she almost ran into a shabby, broad-shouldered young man, whose whole face lighted at the sight of the slim girl with the big bundle.

Let me carry that for you Miss Ransom, he said, falling into step at her side. All my luck is coming to me at once—I thought I wouldn't be able to see you before this evening and I could hardly wait to tell you that I'd got a start at last. I—You must have seen that I loved you, dear, the young fellow went on, his voice shaking with the force of long pent-up passion; but I thought it was only fair to stand aside and let Archer, who could offer you a life and luxury, win you if he could.

Elinor looked up quickly and saw in the dark eyes that met hers the same expression she had seen in the crude portrait of poor Tim Ryan—the look of a man un-bought.

But at last I've got my chance, John Talbot said jubilantly. I can't offer you much except my love and a modest little flat, but I'm going to make good, I'm sure of it now—Tell me, Elinor dearest—do you like me well enough to risk marryin' me tomorrow?

I don't consider it a risk, John dear, the girl said demurely, a delicious dimple lurking in the corner of her lovely mouth. But O, John! John! she wailed suddenly, clasping his arm in the shock of her narrow escape from lifelong misery. Just suppose I hadn't stopped at Mrs. Pickens and learned from her what a bargain in husbands really is!

NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS —OF— APPOQUINIMINK HUNDRED

The taxable residents of Appoquinimink Hundred, and all persons liable to pay tax in said Hundred, are hereby notified that the taxes for the year 1911 are now due, and the undersigned Tax Collector for said Hundred, will be at the office of GEORGE M. D. HART, IN TOWNSEND, DEL., EVERY SATURDAY, DURING MARCH, 1912, From 1 to 5 o'clock, P. M.

Tax bills can be obtained by making personal application to the Collector, or by sending written communication enclosing stamps.

EXTRACT FROM THE LAWS OF DELAWARE, GOVERNING THE COLLECTION OF TAXES ON NEW CASTLE COUNTY, SECTION 3, CHAPTER 30, VOLUME 21, LAWS OF DELAWARE, AS AMENDED:

Section 3.—That on all taxes paid before the first day of October there shall be an abatement of five per centum. On all taxes paid before the first day of December there shall be an abatement of three per centum. On all taxes paid during the month of December there shall be no abatement whatever. And on all taxes unpaid on the first day of January five per centum thereof shall be added thereto.

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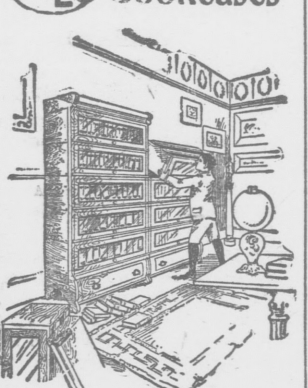
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ALFRED G. COX,
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The stated annual meeting of the Odessa Loan Association, of Odessa, Del., will be held at the Academy,

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